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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE: ORGANIZING MEETING OF
COORDINATING GROUP

REF: BRUSSELS 1059

1. DURING CONVERSATION BETWEEN ECOMCOUNS AND THYSBAERT TO DELIVER
SECRETARY'S MESSAGE, THYSBAERT EXPANDED SOMEWHAT ON REMARKS OF
DAVIGNON ON ORGANIZING MEETING OF THE COORDINATING GROUP. THYSBA-
ERTSAID THAT AS HE UNDERSTOOD DAVIGNON'S THINKING, MAJOR BELGIAN
PROBLEM WITH SECRETARY'S APPROACH WAS THAT IT IGNORED "THE
COMPROMISE" REACHED IN WASHINGTON AND SEEM TO PROCEED
ACCORDING TO THE SCENARIO FORESEEN BEFORE THE RECENT CONFERENCE.

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HE ALSO SAID DAVIGNON THOUGHT WE ARE MOVING TO RAPIDLY SINCE
TIME WOULD BE NEEDED TO PUT THE COMMUNITY'S HOUSE IN
ORDER. THYSBAERT THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY THE FRENCH WOULD

PARTICIPATE IN THE ENERGY ACTION GROUP BUT THE EIGHT WOULD WANT TO MAKE SURE THE FRENCH DID NOT STAND IN THE WAY OF THEIR OWN PARTICIPATION. IN ADDITION THE FRENCH WOULD IN ANY EVENT PARTICIPATE INDIRECTLY WITH MEMBERSHIP IN THE EC, C-20, IMP, OECD, ETC.

2. THYSBAERT THOUGHT THAT, PERHAPS, DAVIGNON HIMSELF MIGHT ATTEND "THE PRELIMINARY SESSION" IF IT TOOK PLACE. THIS MAY HINGE POSSIBLY ON WHETHER MEETING IS HELD SOONER OR LATER; IF SOONER, PERHAPS DENIS WOULD COME AND OCKRENT TAKE OVER THEREAFTER. DAVIGNON SAW FIRST MEETING AS A "POLITICAL MEETING" AND NOT A MEETING TO DISCUSS SUBSTANCE OF ENERGY PROBLEM. THE WORK OF PRELIMINARY MEETING WOULD BE TO PARCEL OUT TASKS TO VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ALREADY EXIST, LEAVING RESIDUAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND COORDINATION WITH THE ACTION GROUP ITSELF.

3. THYSBAERT REMARKED THAT OUR POSITION AS OUTLINED TO THE ARAB STATES WAS EXCELLENT AND ONE WITH WHICH THE BELGIANS COULD ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES ENTIRELY.

4. HE CONCLUDED BY AGAIN EMPHASIZING DESIRE TO GIVE THE ENERGY ACTION GROUP A MORE GLOBAL APPEARANCE BY HOLDING THE NEXT MEETING IN EUROPE, PERHAPS IN LONDON. A MEETING IN BRUSSELS, PARTICULARLY IN THE ABSENCE OF THE COMMUNITY, MIGHT BE INAPPROPRIATE. STRAUSSZ-HUPE

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